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For :	DEVICE FOR INSPECTING TEST	)	
	OBJECTS AND USE THEREOF	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND COVER LETTER  
SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 (hereinafter "Report"), in German and English, which was drawn on pages of description 1, 2, 4 - 13, and the drawings as originally filed, and pages 3a and 3b of the description and claims 1 - 13 as filed on March 1, 1999 (01.03.99), and includes as an Annex amended pages 3a and 3b of description and claims 1 - 13 (in German and English). Also enclosed is a copy of the English language version of the Form PCT/IB/338.

Based upon the submission of amended sheets of description and claims, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing amended pages of description 3a and 3b (in place of originally filed page 3), and amended claims 1 - 13 (in place of originally filed claims 1 - 13).

Moreover, prior to the examination of the above-identified application including replacement claims 1 - 13, amendment of claims 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 12 as follows, is respectfully requested to